

AMEN CORNER HONORS PLATT.

ALL SORTS AND CONDITIONS OF MEN AT THE FEAST.

Distinguished Guests Subjected to Good-Humored Grillings—Fat Man Asks Name of Speaker as Senator Dewey Sits Down—Some of the Speeches.

The brethren of the Amen Corner exalted the horn of their brother, Thomas C. Platt, last night with a banquet the like of which New York never saw before. There is only one Amen Corner. It is in the corridors of the Fifth Avenue Hotel. The dinner was held in the dining room of the hotel.

The dinner could not be held in the corridor, for there were too many brethren. There were 400 seated and hundreds of others clamored about the doors of the dining room, hoping that somebody inside would drop dead and give the outsiders a chance.

The attendance of the brethren comprised representatives of every walk of life. There were bartenders, preachers, politicians, reformers, newspaper men, scholars, laborers, and William Leary. The Mayor was there, and with roars of laughter took all the glee that he could get.

Secretary Root got a greeting that for a moment unsettled the stern gravity of his public countenance. Senator Dewey was made to blush. Congressman Payne, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House, shared jaws with Lieut.-Gov. Woodruff and State Senator Ellsworth. Archbishop Ireland, the Rev. Dr. David J. Burrell, ex-Gov. Black, Postmaster-General Payne, August Belmont, John A. McCall, Senator N. B. Scott, Senator John Keane, Chairman Dunn of the Republican State Committee and Joe Manley of Maine also sat with the guests of honor at the table.

Out of compliment to Senator Platt, the menu was printed on the back of United States Express tags, addressed to the Senator and stamped "Value asked and not given." A fine photograph of Mr. Platt, printed on parchment, was attached to each menu.

TROUBLE BEGINS EARLY.

The "Amen Corner troubles" began before the entrée was served. One table of the younger brethren had been supplied with megaphones of no small dimensions. Just about the moment when the dinner was beginning to be enjoyed, a brother arose and demanded through his megaphone the attention of Brother Edward G. Riggs, the chairman.

"Mr. Chairman," he said, "who is the greatest politician in the world?"

"Does anybody here know?" asked the chairman. Immediately the whole megaphone contingent rose and roared:

"Thomas Collier Platt!"

"Why," asked Brother Riggs, "is Brother Platt the greatest politician in the world?"

"Because," answered a fat young man with a red face, "he sent Sol Berliner to Tennessee and turned down Amos Thompson."

"Why do they call Senator Platt the Easy Boss?" asked a person with a leather face.

"Why?" echoed the chairman. "Because he finds everybody else so easy," said the wicked-looking person triumphantly. The Senator chuckled discreetly. The Mayor, who was but one seat removed from him, doubled up on his chair and beat his knees with joy.

After a fanfare of trumpets, a great cartoon was brought in and carried around the room. It depicted Senator Platt, life-size, sitting before an Amen Corner bench with his hand raised as though he were impressing a Sunday School lesson upon the scholars gathered before him.

The parody of this picture was hailed by the singing of a song of which one verse is here given:

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.
(By the scholars.)
The Sunday school that blessed place
Oh, may it never be a thing of the past,
For there we met a smiling face
That thrived on our sins.

CHORUS: The Sunday school, the Sunday school,
It is the place I love.
There we met a smiling face,
That thrived on our sins.

One of the megaphone men was asked by the chairman whether he knew how to catch squirrels and received the ancient advice that the best way was to get behind a fence and make a noise like a Citizens' Union man, was the reply. The Mayor did not seem to think that was so horribly funny. But everybody else did.

There was a long expressing unbounded disrespect for Brother Platt, who was cheered by the Mayor considerably, and Deputy Assistant District Attorney Kiesel sang a paraphrase of "The Lord's Prayer," which contained things up. Here are two verses of it:

"I had not money when I sat in court,
And my soul was weighed with woe,
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has not failed to impress upon you the high purpose and sound principles which I have endeavored to illustrate. I am also sensible of having learned a thing or two from your young innocents and gentlemen. Perhaps, after all, the true relation is that suggested by your corporate name, and I meet the Amen Corner as the pastor meets his flock.

AMEN CORNER'S INFLUENCE.
Saying you, then, as brethren, remark with a measure of pride which is certainly not unwarranted, that our fold has had its influence upon the society from which it evolved, whose conditions and needs brought it into being, and if we have not succeeded in regenerating the earth, it is not for the lack of well-directed effort. There is no lack of effort, and in the charity which has not felt the touch of our ploughshare or upon which we have failed to cast the vivifying influence of our good counsel, and we shall not be denied the satisfaction of Congress, Governors, Legislatures, Mayors and Aldermen have come and have gone, the Amen Corner abides, stronger than ever in the faith with which it has enlightened the statesman, in the hope with which it has inspired the moralist, and in the charity with which it has softened the hearts of the mankind until the reformer and the practical man, the lion and the lamb, lie down together.

We must not suppose, my brethren, because of the remarkable success that has attended our labors for progress and civilization, that everything is as it should be, or that we have no more to do. How, in fact, that close and constant attention to things that we have to do, is necessary in the past, and it is my duty to indicate some of the directions in which our missionary labors must be further extended.

MORE WORLDS TO CONQUER.
We have placed, and by "we" I mean, of course, the Amen Corner, have placed in the White House an example of that strenuous energy that must continue to animate the enterprise, moralist, and the practical man, looking to us, or soon will be, for sympathy, encouragement, and I may add, support.

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the history of our State. In the Senatorial caucus of 1890 Mr. Conkling's organization was so strong that he was able to elect two-thirds of the Republican members of the Legislature. He was very hostile to Mr. Garfield, who had just been elected President, and especially to Mr. Garfield's Secretary of War, Mr. Blaine, with whom he had an irreconcilable quarrel. President Garfield and Mr. Blaine insisted upon his entering the canvass. Mr. Conkling, however, Mr. Crowley and sent Gen. Arthur, who had just been elected Vice-President on the ticket with Garfield, to Albany to conduct Crowley's canvass. It was a remarkable evidence of Senator Platt's skill and popularity that notwithstanding the fact that he was elected to the Senate, he was not elected to the Senate.

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sincere regret at my inability to be present at the dinner. I should enjoy it greatly, but it is a simple impossibility for me to get away from Washington at this time. I wish all people to know that I am very truly, most of them are my old and valued personal friends, and my inability to come is a matter of regret to me.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.
Mr. E. Q. RIGGS, Chairman Amen Corner Association.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
ALBANY, APRIL 1, 1902.
Hon. Charles Stekler, Secretary, New York City.

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FOUGHT TILL ALL WERE DOWN

BRAVE STAND BY CANADIANS IN BATTLE WITH BOERS.

Kitchener Reports a Defeat of 1,500 Boers by 100 British Soldiers—Our Losses Severe. He Says—Special Praise for Lieut. Carruthers and His Canadians.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, April 4.—The War Office has received the following telegram from Lord Kitchener:

"Brig-Gen. W. Kitchener reports as follows: 'I sent Cookson and Keir from Vreikuil, on March 31, to reconnoitre toward Hart River. They struck the track of guns and carried on a running fight for eight miles in the open.'"

"Boer reinforcements advanced and fighting ensued and was continued till the enemy was repulsed on all sides. Commandants Delarey and Kemp tried in vain to persuade the Boers to renew the action. Five hundred Boers took part in the fight."

"Our losses were severe. The Canadian Rifles especially distinguished themselves, one party under Lieut. Bruce Carruthers holding a post till every man was killed or wounded."

KINGSTON, Ont., April 4.—Lieut. Carruthers left here a few months ago with the Second Regiment, Canada Mounted Rifles. He is very well known in the city and is popular in Kingston militia and sporting circles. After attending the Royal Military College, he was graduated and obtained a commission in a crack cavalry regiment in Ireland. After remaining there five or six years he went to Australia and was connected with a corps there. Returning to Canada, he enlisted with the first Canadian contingent and did valiant service in South Africa. Coming back to Canada, he arrived in Kingston on Nov. 7, 1900.

In December last, just after his engagement to be married, he obtained, through the influence of Col. Evans, a commission in the Second Regiment, Canada Mounted Rifles. He was then married to Miss Etta Macpherson, stepdaughter of Mrs. John Macpherson of this city, and with his bride spent three weeks at Halifax prior to departure for South Africa. He is a son of the late John Carruthers of this city. He was President of the Young Men's Association for many years, and is a wealthy and universally popular.

MONTREAL, Quebec, April 4.—The only details so far received of the fight between the British and the forces of Delarey and Kemp, in which the Canadians took part, are contained in a despatch received to-night by the Militia Department. The information given is exceedingly meagre. The despatch, which is sent from Hart River, states that nine Canadian non-commissioned officers and privates have been killed and forty wounded. The officers wounded are given as Lieut. G. B. McKay, son of Senator McKay of Montreal, Lieut. R. F. Markham of St. John, N. B., Lieut. R. Ryan and Lieut. W. P. Loudon. The names of the killed and wounded men have not been received.

FOR COMPULSORY SERVICE.
British League Urging the Need of Better Army for Home Defence.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, April 4.—An association, entitled the "British League for Home Defence," has been formed under the leadership of the Duke of Wellington, with an influential committee, for the purpose of promoting the enactment of a law making naval and military training for national defence compulsory on all males.

A manifesto issued by the league dwells upon the inadequacy of the reserve of trained men and the decline in recruiting. It declares that the nation's only safety lies in the adoption of the compulsory principle, which, incidentally, will give a sense of duty and discipline to hundreds of thousands who lack it, and improve the deteriorating physique of the urban population. The league proposes that drill shall be obligatory in all schools.

Frohman Gets Rights to "Ulysses."
Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, April 3.—The Daily Mail says that Mr. Beerholm Tree, having abandoned his proposed autumn visit to the United States, has leased the American rights of "Ulysses" to Mr. Frohman. It is understood that "The Girl from Mexico" is a failure, and that it will be withdrawn on April 21.

Kaiser to Take Pleasure Trip.
Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
BERLIN, April 4.—The Emperor and the Crown Prince Frederick William of Prussia and a party of distinguished guests will take a pleasure trip in the North Sea on board the Kronprinz, which, it has been arranged, will start from Bremerhaven on April 17.

WATCH LINCOLN GAVE STOLEN.
Taken From the Pocket of Capt. W. F. Sampson in Boston.

Boston, Mass., April 4.—While he was standing at the corner of Green and Chambers streets in the West End to-night at 6 o'clock, two young men picked the pocket of Capt. William F. Sampson of Cambridge and got away with a gold watch presented to him by President Lincoln in recognition of his recovery from the crew of the ship Northern Light, while in midocean in 1862.

The watch bears this inscription: "Presented to President Lincoln by the crew of the ship Northern Light, 1862." The watch is a gold watch, and is a very valuable one.

Richard Gibbons' Guilty.
Notes on the Sprague Bank.